

Traffic Accident Investigations and Traffic Law Enforcement

1. Fort Bragg has assimilated NC General Statutes and enforces state and federal traffic laws.

2. The privilege to operate a vehicle on this installation is reserved for persons of maturity, responsibility, sobriety, and to those who show good judgment. The Installation Commander or his designee may revoke or suspend installation-driving privileges under the following circumstances:

a. For violation of UCMJ Article 111, Drunken or Reckless Driving.

b. When a person operating a vehicle on the installation is cited for speeding more than 20 MPH in excess of any posted speed limit or for violating NCGS 20-140(A)(B), Reckless Driving. In these cases, the period of revocation will be 12 months.

c. Upon recommendation of the unit commander. You may request revocation or suspension of the installation driving privileges for members of your command when measures such as counseling, remedial driver training, or other rehabilitation programs have failed to produce the desired driving performance. (Address revocation/suspension requests to the Garrison Commander, and endorse them through the brigade/group level and the Office of the Provost Marshal.)

d. For two or more moving violations in a 12-month period.

3. A soldier who drives on post with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher will receive a general officer reprimand.

4. Except when a special hazard exists which requires a lower speed, the **speed limits** on post are:

- 15 miles per hour in any housing area.
- 25 miles per hour in any hospital or school zone (not within a housing area).
- 10 miles per hour in any service drive in a housing area.
- 10 miles per hour in any parking area, motor pool, or motor park, unless otherwise posted.
- 10 miles per hour when approaching or passing troops in formation.
- Unless otherwise directed, tactical vehicles will abide by the posted speed limit on all paved roads and 25 miles per hour on unpaved roads.
- 15 miles per hour for tactical vehicles operating with blackout lights or as directed by the Commander.
- 35 miles per hour if not otherwise posted.
- 20 miles per hour at an ACP where no median exists.

5. No person shall drive any tactical vehicle through any family housing area except in direct support of “Community Life” activities, e.g., removal of tree limbs or pine needles or the transportation of special project material (tables, swings, or athletic equipment). This prohibition also applies to commercial vehicles used tactically.

6. The following streets are closed to all traffic (including bicycles, motorbikes, skateboards, roller skates, and roller blades) other than emergency vehicles from 0630-0730, Monday through Friday, for the purpose of unit PT, provided that unit Traffic Control Points are in place.

- Ardennes Street from Reilly Street to Longstreet.
- All of Lane Street.
- Goldberg Street from Lane to Third Streets.
- Randolph Street from Fifth Street to Butner Road.
- Butner Road north of Honeycutt Road.

7. No person shall repair or perform **maintenance** upon a privately owned vehicle in a motor pool, a parking lot, or a housing area if the work requires more than one day.

8. **Safety of Troops on the Roadway.**

a. A formation is an assembled group of military personnel under the supervision of a leader and in two or more squad columns. Units conducting individual movement rucksack marches in a single file are not defined as formations.

b. When, marching or conducting Physical Training, commanders will maximize use of off-road areas, tank trails, firebreaks, and roads with speeds of less than 35 mph (MPH). The following guidelines apply:

- All soldiers will wear a reflective safety belt or vest while participating in PT, working in a detail, performing police call on or along an improved road, or performing duties as a vehicle convoy guide on Fort Bragg. The belt or vest must be visible from the front and rear and unobstructed (not concealed) by clothing or equipment.
- Any four or more lane road or roads where the speed exceeds 35 MPH are off-limits to formations (two or more squad columns). McKellars Lodge Road, Longstreet Road, and Rifle Range Road (to include road shoulders) are specifically off-limits for any formation.
- Individual runners, individual movement rucksack marchers, and walkers will use off-road areas such as sidewalks, firebreaks, unimproved roads, and road shoulders. Individuals will walk, march, or run “Facing Traffic” and at least three feet off the edge of the hard surface of the roadway.
- Formations will proceed “with traffic.”
- Individual movement marches conducted by a unit (squad/detachment or higher), or runs on a road of four or more lanes, or where the speed exceeds 35 MPH will

utilize lead and trail vehicles with flashing lights and signs (if possible) stating “Caution Troops Ahead.”

- All formations will have the four corners of the formation marked by wearing reflective vest and utilize front and rear road guards wearing reflective vest/belts. Flashlights must be used by road guards and other personnel designated by the leaders during periods of limited visibility.
- Leaders and supervisors will conduct a briefing of these guidelines prior to runs and road marches and ensure compliance throughout the duration of the event.
- Any formation on 4-lane roads or roads where the speed exceeds 35 MPH must have MP escorts.

c. A request for a one-time exception can be submitted through the Safety Office, ATTN: AFZA-PS-SSA, a minimum of 10 days prior to the event. Supporting documentation must include:

- Detailed explanation of activity.
- Map of exact proposed routes.
- Risk assessment and control measures.
- Safety and first-aid plans, to include coordinated MP support.

9. Traffic Violation Notices and DD Form 1805 Procedures.

a. All offenses that occur on Fort Bragg are on federal property and therefore are prosecuted in federal court. Court is held monthly in downtown Fayetteville in the Federal Building (U.S. Post Office) at 301 Green Street. The Federal Building court office is not occupied at any other time. The Fort Bragg U.S. Attorney’s Office prosecutes the citation.



b. Every person on Fort Bragg who receives a citation for a misdemeanor violation or traffic offense will receive an Information Paper with their DD Form 1805. This paper explains that:

- Every citation is marked as either an “Optional Appearance” or a “Mandatory Appearance.” If it is an “Optional Appearance” citation, the fine may be paid as indicated by mailing a personal check or money order using the envelope provided or mailing it to “U.S. Courts CVB (S.A.), P.O. Box 740026, Atlanta, GA 30374-0026.”
- If the person wishes to contest/dispute the citation, or if the citation is marked as a “Mandatory Appearance,” the person must come to court to resolve the citation. The court date will come in the mail about eight weeks after the citation was issued.
- Court begins at 0900 in the Federal Building located at 301 Green Street. At the first court appearance, the person will be asked to plead “guilty” or “not guilty.” If the offender pleads “guilty” the case will be heard that day. If the person pleads “not guilty” the judge will set a date for trial.

- Certain offenses (e.g., broken headlight, expired license, no insurance) are correctable before court. If documentation is brought to court showing the problem has been corrected, the fine may be reduced or dismissed.
- Proper courtroom attire is required. Soldiers should appear in civilian clothes; battle dress uniform is not authorized.
- Inquiries about cases should be directed to the Fort Bragg U.S. Attorney's Office at 396-1221/1222 between the hours of 1300 and 1700 Monday through Friday. Do not call the office until the court date is received in the mail, as they will be unable to discuss the case until a court date is set.

10. **Running Events.** If your unit is sponsoring running events using Fort Bragg roads, you must coordinate with the Safety Office during the initial planning stage.

11. **Bicycles.**

a. All bicyclists, to include family members, will wear an authorized reflective belt/vest while operating their two-wheel vehicles on post and off post. The belt will be worn over the shoulder and under the operator's arm, bandoleer style, to allow maximum visibility to other vehicle operators. The reflective belt will be worn as an outer garment and will not be covered by any other article of clothing. Riders will ride with the traffic and obey traffic signs and laws.

b. All bicycle riders will also wear an approved bicycle helmet while riding on Fort Bragg. An approved helmet is defined as one that meets or exceeds the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or Snell Memorial Foundation Standards for bicycle helmets.

c. All bicycles ridden at night must have and use an operable and visible headlight, side reflectors, and tail light.

12. **Privately Owned Recreational Vehicles (PORVs)** (such as motor homes, boats, campers, and trailers) may not be parked at private residences due to space limitations. PORVs may be stored at the Community Activities and Services Business Center (CASBC) lot or off post.

13. **Motorcycles/Moped Accident Prevention.**

a. Personnel who run or operate a motorcycle or moped on Fort Bragg roads will attend an Army approved Experienced Rider motorcycle safety course. The Motorcycle Defensive Driving Course (MDDC) at Fort Bragg is conducted every Monday at 0700 hours April-September at no cost to the soldier. Contact the Safety Office, telephone 396-7233, Motorcycle AMSC, for information about class dates and times. Training for MDDC should be entered on the individual's DA Form 348, Equipment Operator's Qualification Record (except Aircraft). All personnel attending the course must have motorcycle operator qualification listed on driver's license.

b. All military personnel while operating a motorcycle or moped both on and off post will wear proper eye protection (windshield alone is not proper eye protection), full-fingered gloves, long trousers, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, high visibility garments (reflective vest or an authorized reflective belt), leather boots or over the ankle shoes and a properly fastened and approved helmet. Reflective belts will be worn over the shoulder and under the operator's arm, bandoleer style, to allow maximum visibility to other vehicle operators. The reflective belt will be worn as an outer garment and will not be covered by any other article of clothing or equipment.

c. Motorcycles and mopeds must have two rearview mirrors (one on each side). Operators of motorcycles and mopeds must be currently licensed to operate a motorcycle by civil authorities. Motorcycles and mopeds must have headlights turned on at all times. Civilian personnel must wear the same protective clothing specified for soldiers when operating or riding a motorcycle/moped on Army installations or while on government business off the installation.

14. Soldiers, DoD civilians, and family members living on post, who are cited for serious moving violations on post, or who are at fault in an on- or off-post traffic accident while operating a government vehicle, must attend **Driver Improvement Training (DIT)**. A by-name list of citations issued is included with the daily MP Blotter. If your soldier's name appears in bold face, he or she has been cited for an offense requiring DIT. Contact the PSBC Safety Division for additional information.

15. The Traffic Accident Investigations Section offers units **training** on various traffic-related subjects, including Driving While Impaired, Traffic Stop Procedures, Statistics, and Training Films. To schedule a class or for more information contact the Traffic Accident Investigations Section of the Provost Marshal's Office at 396-3820. All classes must be scheduled at least 15 days in advance.